

LEGISLATIVE BILL 597

Approved by the Governor February 13, 2014

Introduced by Larson, 40; Davis, 43; Schilz, 47.

FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 2-259 and 2-264, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to county agricultural societies; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 2-259, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

2-259 Pursuant to a request by a county agricultural society, the county board of any county may levy an additional levy of three and five-tenths cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation, or any part thereof, for the purpose of acquiring an interest in real property to comprise a portion or all of the county fairgrounds, ~~or~~ for the purpose of capital construction on and renovation, repair, improvement, and maintenance of the county fairgrounds, over and above the operational tax levy authorized in section 2-257, or for the purpose of purchasing equipment. Such levy shall not exceed the amount actually required for such acquisition or work and shall be subject to section 77-3443.

Sec. 2. Section 2-264, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

2-264 A county agricultural society may exchange its real estate and improvements for other real estate or to sell its real estate for the purpose of acquiring other real estate for fairgrounds, and may make, execute, deliver, and accept all proper or necessary conveyances in and about such exchange, sale, or purchase, and the right of the county in the original grounds and improvements as provided for in section 2-263 shall extend to the real estate derived from exchange or purchase.

With the consent of the county board of the county within which the real estate is located, a county agricultural society may exchange its real estate and improvements for other real estate and improvements or may lease or sell its real estate and improvements and may make, execute, deliver, and accept all proper or necessary conveyances relating to such exchange, lease, sale, or purchase. County board approval is not required for leases having a term of less than ninety days. The right of the county to real estate and improvements as provided in section 2-263 shall extend to real estate, improvements, or proceeds derived from any exchange, sale, or purchase of real estate or improvements acquired with the additional tax levy provided in section 2-259.

A county agricultural society may purchase real estate and improve the same. The payment of the purchase price may be secured by mortgage or deed of trust.

Sec. 3. Original sections 2-259 and 2-264, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.